

To the Members of the California Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1878 into law.

However, this bill does not permit a person that holds a valid Class M or Class M1 license, which allows lawful operation of a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle, to legally drive a motorized scooter. The bill accommodates only those individuals who hold a Class C automobile driver license or instruction permit.

While the number of scooter operators who do not hold a Class C license or instruction permit may be small, the bill forces individuals who have a Class M or M1 to apply for an automobile license if they wish to legally operate a motorized scooter. This means they must undergo all of the required tests to operate an automobile, including a behind the wheel examination, even though their current licenses were issued only after they showed proficiency in operating two-wheeled vehicles.

Therefore, in signing this bill, I will be asking the Department of Motor Vehicles to work with the author and the Legislature to address this oversight during the 2005 legislative session.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger